

REMARKS

In the Office Action,¹ the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,502,131 to Vaid et al. ("*Vaid*") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0268147 to Wiederin et al. ("*Wiederin*"); rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vaid* in view of *Wiederin* and U.S. Patent No. 5,659,694 to Bibayan ("*Bibayan*"); rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,276,789 to Besaw et al. ("*Besaw*") in view of *Wiederin*; and provisionally rejected claims 1-5 and 7 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending U.S. Application No. 10/712,886 in view of *Vaid* in further view of *Wiederin*.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicants' representative on July 11, 2008. The outstanding rejections were discussed, but no agreement was reached.

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel pending claim 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Therefore, all the rejections in the Office Action are moot. In addition, Applicants add new claims 8-13. Claims 8-13 are now pending in this application.

Claims 8-13 are allowable because the prior art fails to anticipate or make obvious the elements therein. For example, none of the cited references teaches or suggests at least "receiving, at the grid manager, in response to the first query,

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

resources of the inferior grid managers that meet the resource requirement and are available, the resources including addresses of the inferior grid managers,” as recited in independent claim 8.

Vaid discloses “quality of service management using a . . . traffic monitoring technique.” *Vaid*, col. 2, lines 49-50. *Wiederin* discloses “systems and methods that provide security for users accessing a public network.” *Wiederin*, para. [0004]. *Bibayan* discloses a “system for generating a user-display interface which may display child windows at positions on a display screen that are independent of the position and size of the parent window.” *Bibayan*, col. 3, lines 31-34. *Besaw* discloses “[a] system for automatically laying out and graphically displaying the topology of a computer network system.” *Bibayan*, abstract. However, *Vaid*, *Wiederin*, *Bibayan*, and *Besaw*, individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest at least “receiving, at the grid manager, in response to the first query, resources of the inferior grid managers that meet the resource requirement and are available, the resources including addresses of the inferior grid managers,” as recited in independent claim 8, and required by dependent claims 9-13. For at least these reasons, claims 8-13 are allowable.

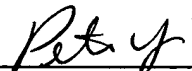
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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